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1. On 19 July approximately 350 Chinese Communist troops were on Hsiaoji (N 25-16, E 119-32) Island. Strongly fortified positions had been constructed on the high ground of the island.¹ Lumber in large quantities had been shipped to the island for use in the construction of barracks.
2. Prior to 22 July approximately 2,000 Communist troops were on Nanji Island (N 25-14, E 119-27) and were equipped with carbines, submachine guns, and Model 38² rifles.
3. At 1600 hours 19 July a Chinese Communist wooden-hulled fishing boat arrived in Wenchou harbor where its cargo of ammunition was unloaded.³ The cargo filled eight wooden carts. At the Tungmen (N 2639/7024) pier in Wenchou two Communist gunboats of approximately 80 tons each and 10 motor junks between 50 and 80 tons each were undergoing repairs.
4. Between 19 and 25 July a large number of junks had been accumulated by the Chinese Communists in order to block the harbor of Juian (N 27-49, E 120-38).
5. On 23 July there was an artillery piece near the site of an old lighthouse at Tungshant'ou (2639/1472/7333), east of K'anmen (N 28-06, E 121-16).⁴ Communications trenches had been established along the K'anmen coastal area. By 28 July stone pillboxes had been constructed at Tungshant'ou, Hout'aiyentun (1775/0669/3533/1076), Liaoshant'ou (7787/8315/1472/7333), and Shantsuit'ou (1472/0878/7333).

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6. During mid-July one two-wheeled gun and two heavy machine guns were mounted at the top of a mountain on Ihsu (N 27-52, E 121-02). Five new barracks, each of which could accomodate 50 men, had been constructed on the mountain. Two hundred troops were stationed near the summit.

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1. In early January 1953 five artillery pieces and a radio station were being constructed on Hsiaojih Island and approximately 500 Chinese Communist troops were engaged in work on semi-permanent fortifications, [REDACTED]

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2. Presumably Japanese-manufactured 6.5-mm. Type 38 rifles were meant.

3. In mid-January 1953 an ammunition warehouse was at Chingtung (3228/2639), a suburb near the East Gate (Tungmen, 2639/7024) of Wenchou (N 28-02, E 120-40), [REDACTED]

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4. On 25 February 1953 one 37-mm. anti-tank gun was emplaced at Hualienchiao (5363/5571/4339), two li northeast of K'anmen, [REDACTED]

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